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1. SINCE WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE FACT THAT THE PERUVIAN NAVY TANKER LOBITOS TRANSITED THE PANAMA CANAL DECLARING ITS DESTINATION AS HABANA WITH A CARGO OF NAPHTHA, I DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH SECGEN GARCIA BEDOYA, LEAVING WITH HIM THE PERTINENT DATA WHICH WE HAD OBTAINED.

2. HE WAS WELL AWARE OF THE TERMS OF SEC. 620 (A) (B) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AND HE RECALLED OUR CONVERSATION SOME TWO YEARS AGO ON THE SAME SUBJECT. HE SAID THAT AT THAT TIME INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO PREVENT PERUVIAN FLAG VESSELS FROM ENGAGING IN CUBAN TRADE AND THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS WERE A MATTER OF GOVERNMENT POLICY. HE SPECULATED THAT PERHAPS THE INSTRUCTIONS HAD ONLY BEEN GIVEN TO THE COMPANIA PERUANA DE VAPORES (CPV) AND THAT THE NAVY HAD BEEN OVERLOOKED ALTHOUGH HE FOUND THIS HARD TO UNDERSTAND. HE SAID HE WOULD INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AT ONCE BUT IN THE MEANTIME HE WANTED TO ASSURE ME THAT IT WAS STILL GOP POLICY NOT TO RUN AFOUL THIS PROVISION OF THE FOREIGN AID BILL.

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